

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-35 (Canceled).

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Claim ~~36~~ (Currently Amended): A transplantable composition for use in humans comprising isolated cells or isolated tissue of a type normally bearing an HLA class I surface antigen that causes an immune response against the cell or tissue in a human recipient, wherein the antigen is ~~modified, masked, or has been partially or wholly eliminated~~ to decrease said immune response, such that upon introduction of the composition into a human, lysis of said cell or tissue is prevented; wherein

(a) said class I antigen is masked by contacting said cell or tissue with ~~a masking agent~~ an antibody lacking the Fc portion, which does not fix complement and, which is capable of forming a complex with said class I antigen on said cell or tissue;

~~(b) said class I antigen on said cell or tissue is modified by capping; or~~

~~(c) said class I antigen on said cell or tissue is partially or wholly eliminated by inhibiting expression of said antigen on said cell or tissue.~~

Claims 37-40 (Canceled).

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Claim ~~41~~ (Currently amended): The composition of claim 36, wherein the antigen ~~is masked with at least two masking agents~~ antibody lacking the Fc portion is a F(ab')₂ fragment of an antibody.

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Claim ~~42~~ (Currently amended): The composition of claim 41 ~~36~~, wherein the at least two masking agents are antibody lacking the Fc portion is obtained from polyclonal antisera raised against the antigen.

Claim ⁴~~43~~ (Currently amended): The composition of claim 36, wherein the cell or tissue has at least two different antigens which are masked with at least two different ~~masking agents~~ antibodies lacking the Fc portion.

Claims 44-56 (Canceled).

Claim ⁵~~57~~ (Previously presented): The composition of claim 36, which comprises a neuronal cell.

Claims 58-91 (Canceled).

Claim ⁶~~92~~ (Previously presented): The composition of claim 36, wherein the cell is a non-lymphocytic cell.

Claim ⁷~~93~~ (Previously presented): The composition of claim 36, wherein the tissue comprises non-lymphocytic cells.

Claims 94-97 (Canceled).